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BEFORE THE HONORABLE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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Applicant : Yoshimi ISHIBASHI et al.
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NOTICE OF APPEAL

To: Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner in the Office Action of May 5, 2004, again rejecting claims 1, 6-14, 16, 19-20 and 25-33.

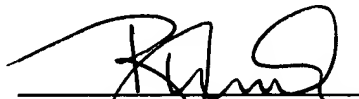
The claims of this application have been twice rejected.

No fee is required. The fee for the appeal was paid in the appeal filed October 17, 2003.

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In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for an extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 111833, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper.



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